

# Public Agenda Item #7a

Review and Discussion of Global Public Equity Strategies Program:

7a. Market Update and Program Overview

February 23, 2016

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#### Agenda



- Calendar Year 2015 Implementation Highlights
- Internal Investment Process
- Portfolio Structure and Positioning
- Developed Markets Outlook 2016
- Emerging Markets Outlook 2016
- Best Ideas Portfolios
- Trading Update
- Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2016

#### Investment Objective and Strategy



 Investment Objective – Outperform the Global Public Equity Benchmark over rolling 5-year periods, while maintaining compliance with the Active Risk Budget.

• **Investment Strategy** – Combine lower risk internal strategies with higher risk external strategies to produce a stable excess return with a target tracking error of 150 bps and an excess return ratio of 0.25 or better.

#### Global Public Equity Team



LEADERSHIP: John Streun, Chris Tocci, Andrew Hodson, Tim Reynolds, Neil Henze					
Domestic Portfolio Managers					
<u>S&amp;P 500</u> Bob Wood MBA, CFA (25)	Large Cap Active Darrell Jackson (26) Kelley Hewell, CFA (23)	<u>Large Cap Growth</u> Kelley Hewell MBA,CFA (23)	Mid Cap Andrew Hodson MBA, CFA (14)		Small Cap Brent Clukey MBA, CFA (20)
International Portfolio Managers:					
<u>Europe</u> Chris Tocci, CFA (24)	<u>Asia</u> Keith Lyons, MBA (12)	Emerging Markets Tim Reynolds MS, CFA, CAIA (23)		<u>Canada</u> Stuart Williams MBA, CFA (25)	
<u>Quantitative</u> Stuart Williams, MBA, CFA (25) Kelley Hewell, MBA, CFA (23)		<u>Trading</u> Neil Henze, CMT (21) Michael Clements, CMT (18) Rob Newhall (7)		External Advisors Shar Kassam, CPA, Esq. (4) Lauren Honza, MBA, CFA (22) Mike McCrary, MBA (17)	

#### Public Equity Team Structure



#### **Industrials & Materials Team**

John Streun, MS, CFA, CPA (23)

Keith Lyons, MBA (12)

Paul Knight, CFA (14)

Teofilo Bacungan, MBA, CFA (15)

Nancy McCarthy, MBA, CFA (8)

#### **Consumer Team**

**Bob Wood, MBA,CFA (25)** 

Andrew Hodson, MBA, CFA (14)

Mark Long, MBA, CFA (19)

June Kim (9)

Naun Galvan (13)

#### **Health Care Team**

Stuart Williams, MBA, CFA (25)

Micheal Yuan, CFA (18)

#### **Technology & Telecom Team**

Brent Clukey, MBA, CFA (20)

Chris Tocci, CFA (24)

John Taylor, MBA, CFA (10)

Darrell Jackson (26)

Flavia de la Fuente, MBA (2)

#### **Financial Services**

Kelley Hewell, MBA, CFA (23)

Tim Reynolds, MS, CFA, CAIA (23)

Scott Hodgson, CFA (12)

#### **Energy**

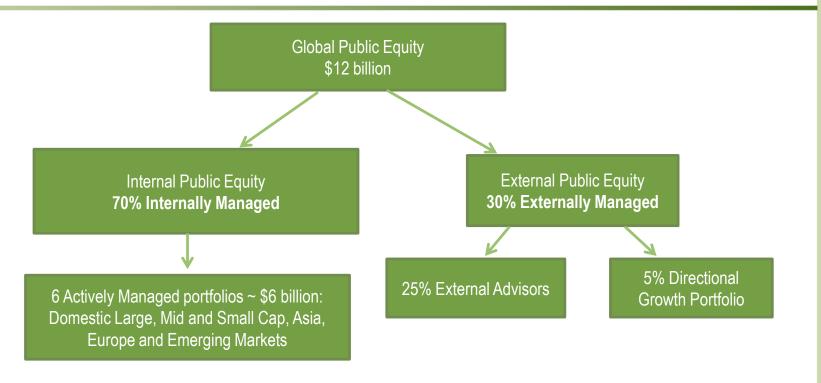
Ben Schuman, CFA (10)

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#### Actively Managed Portfolios





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### Searching for Alpha



- Bottom-up stock picking
- Analyst sourced ideas
  - Sell side research, industry conferences, SEC filings
- Position size
- Sector positioning

#### Move to Active Share



- Active Share:
  - How different your portfolio is from your benchmark
  - Fewer holdings with larger average position size
  - Currently range from 45%-75%
  - Higher levels of excess return
  - Marginal increase in portfolio tracking errors

#### Focus on Communications

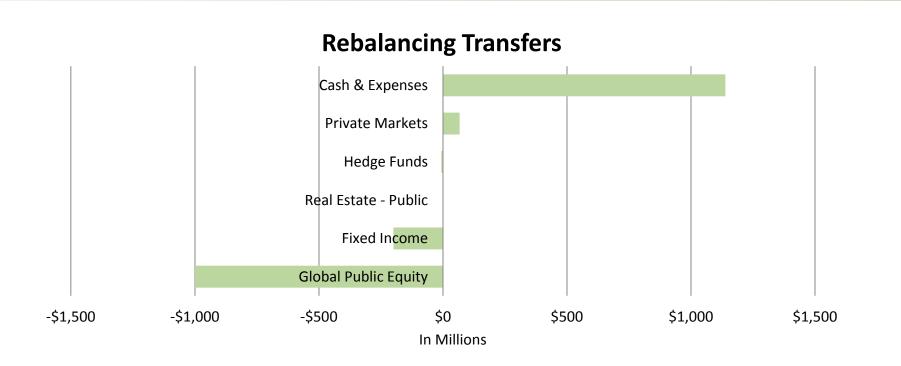


- Increased focus on regularly scheduled meetings:
  - Weekly: Global Public Equities meeting
  - Monthly: Portfolio Managers meet to discuss stock moves in excess of 20% in the trailing 3 months
  - Quarterly: Formal Analyst/PM meeting to discuss performance attribution and current positioning



2015 Rebalancing Transfers

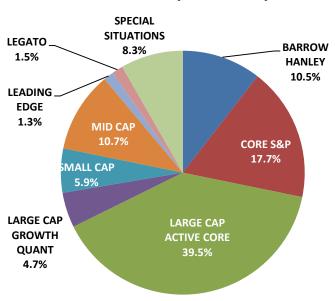




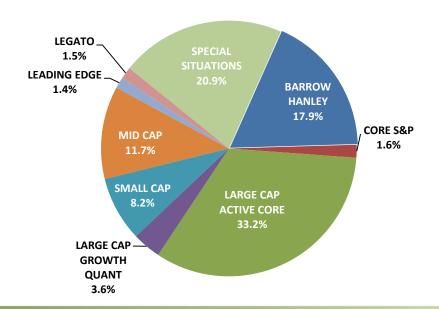
#### Domestic Equity



# Domestic Equity - Dollar Allocation (12/31/15)



#### Domestic Equity - Contribution to Tracking Error, Percent (12/31/15)

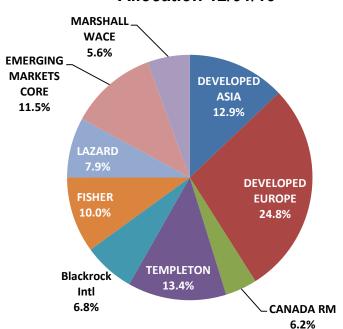


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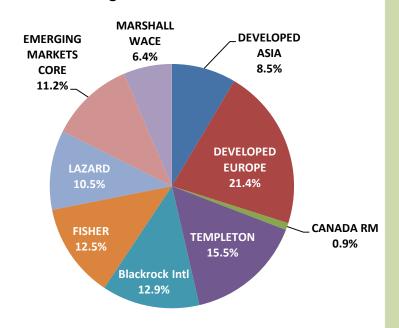
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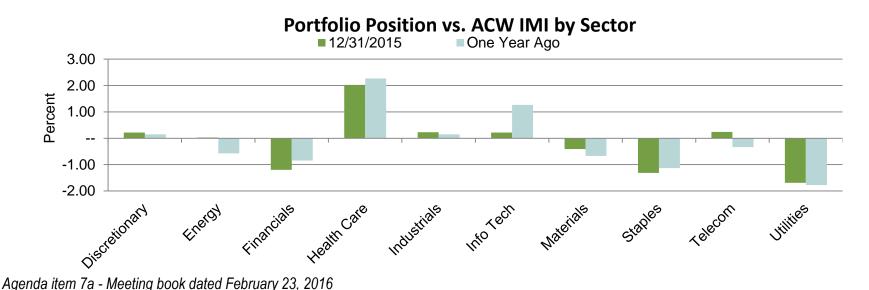


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#### Sector Exposures



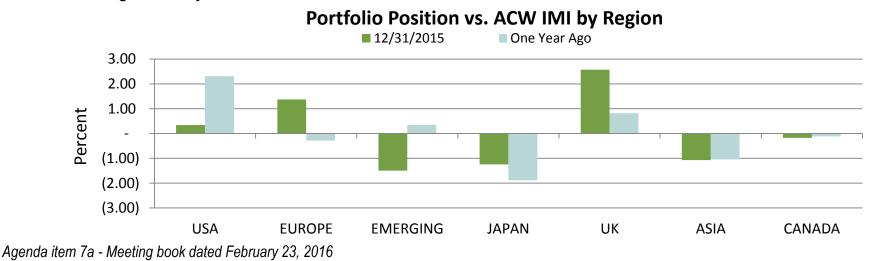
- Health Care overweight decreased slightly
- Telecom moved from underweight to slight overweight
- Energy moved to market weight while the Info Tech overweight decreased



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#### Regional Exposures

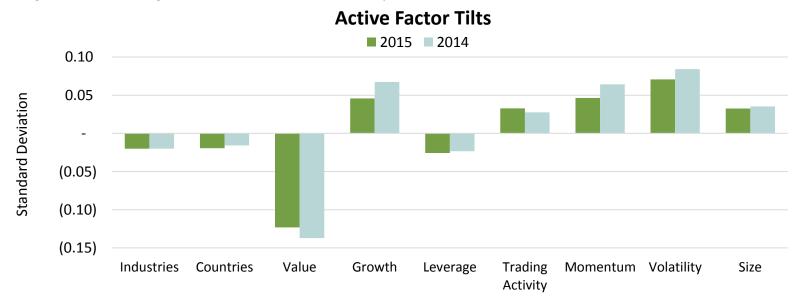
- Consensus underweight of Japan and underweight Asia remained in place
- Europe moved from small underweight to overweight while the UK overweight increased significantly
- Emerging Markets moved from small overweight to underweight while the US overweight declined significantly





#### Factor Exposures (Portfolio Characteristics)

- Factor tilts remain small at the asset class level
- No significant changes in factor tilts between years





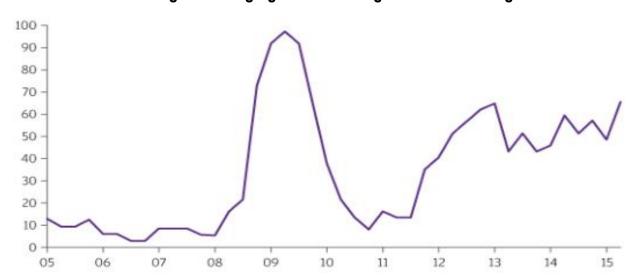


- Global Economic Outlook Slow growth to persist
- US Outlook Low return environment to continue
- Europe The preferred developed market
- Japan Improved corporate governance and easier monetary policy
- Risks to Consider Fed Policy, geopolitics, credit

#### Global Growth to Remain Slow



#### Percentage of Emerging Markets with growth decelerating

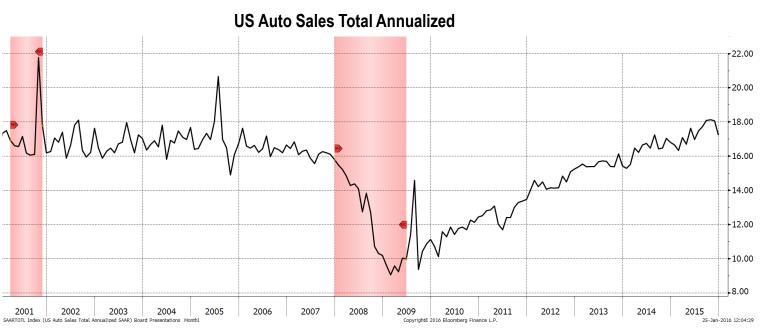


Source: JP Morgan

#### Low return environment to continue in US



Key industries in the US have fully recovered



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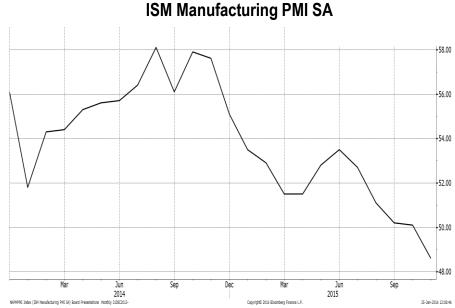
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Low return environment to continue in US

Strong U.S. dollar and crimping exports and manufacturing





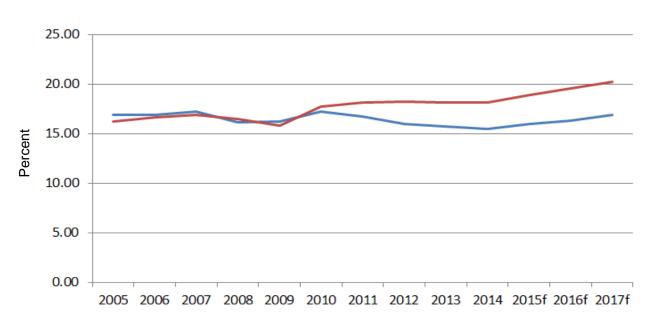
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#### Europe - Preferred Developed Market



Opportunity for Europe to narrowing the operating income margin gap relative to the US



—— Europe EBITDA margin (%)

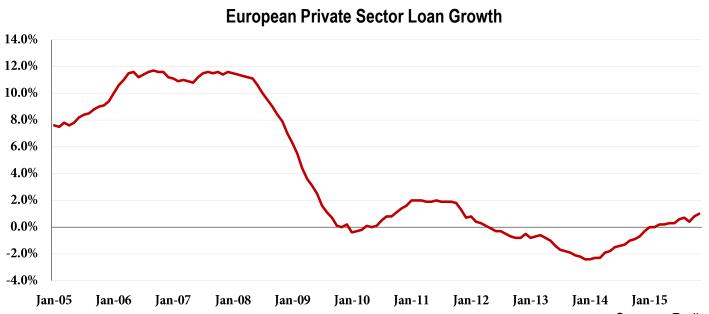
—— US EBITDA margin (%)

Source: Redburn Partners



Europe - Preferred Developed Market

Credit conditions are improving



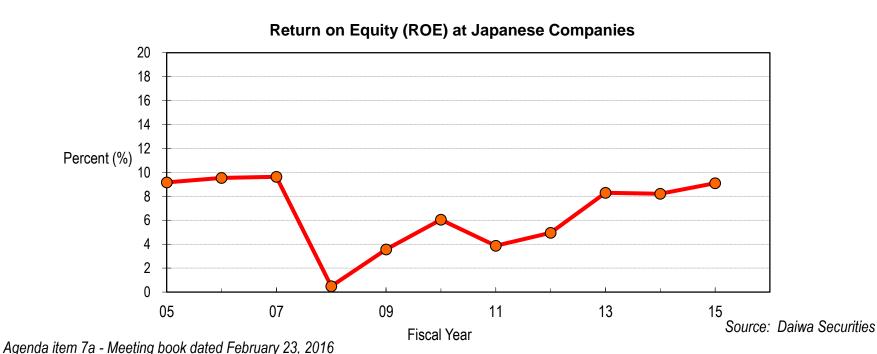
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Source: Redburn Partners

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Improved Shareholder Focus in Japan

Improvement in corporate profitability

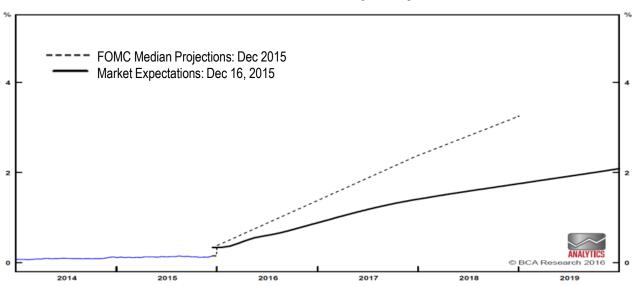


#### Risks to Consider



The Federal Reserve could raise interest rates beyond market expectations

#### **Fed Funds Rate Trajectory**



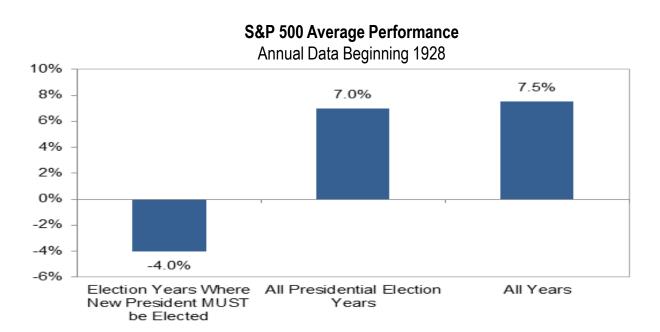
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Source: BCA Analytics.

#### Risks to Consider



The US election cycle could result in enhanced market volatility



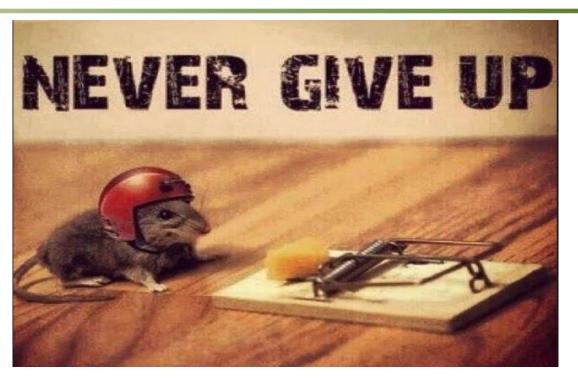
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Source: BMO Capital Markets



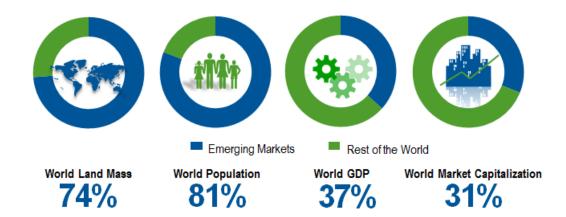
Emerging Markets Investing 101





Emerging Markets vs. the Rest of the World







#### Key Areas to Watch

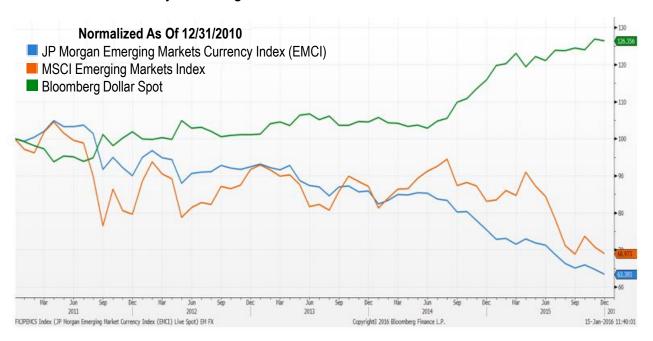


- Currency
- Earnings Revisions
- Fed Rate Hike
- Oil and Commodities
- China
- Fund Flows
- Valuation

#### Currency



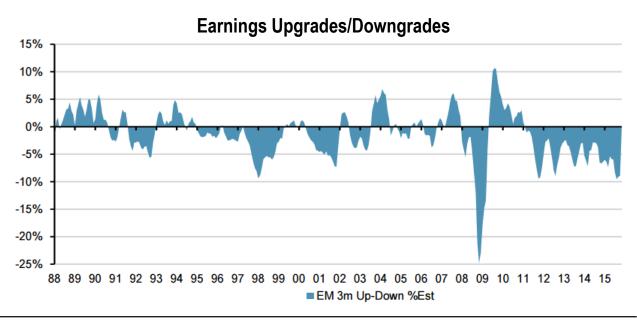
Emerging Markets currencies are steadily declining versus the US dollar



#### Earnings Revisions



Persistently negative, unlikely to change the current economic backdrop

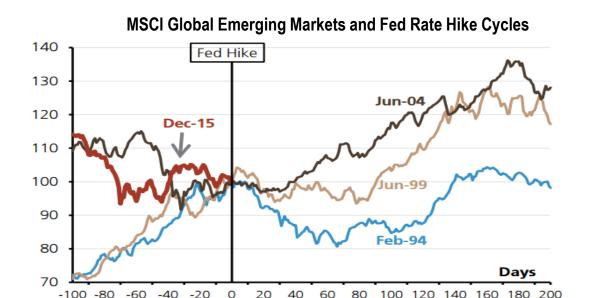


Source: Source: Datastream, MSCI, IBES, UBS GEMs Strategy. Data as of 30 November 2015

# Emerging Markets & The Federal Reserve



Historic rise after the first Fed Rate Hike

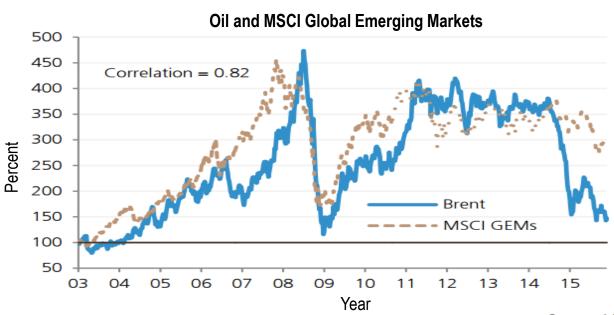


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#### Commodities



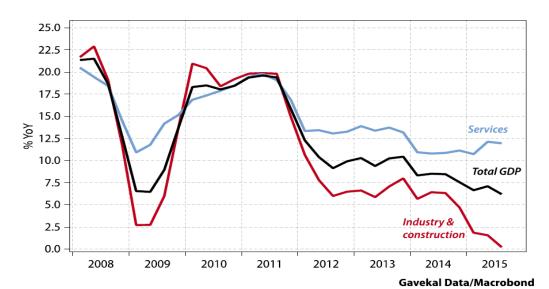
Emerging Markets are pressured in the down cycle of oil



#### China – More than One Economy



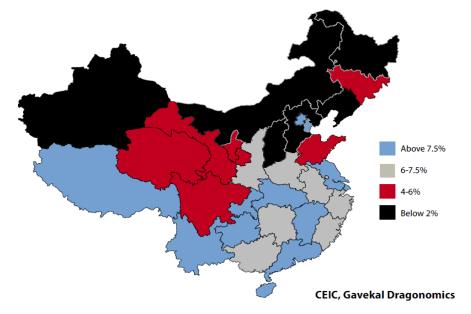
- Services are humming away while Industry slumps
- Nominal changes in value-added by sector



### China – Regional Differences



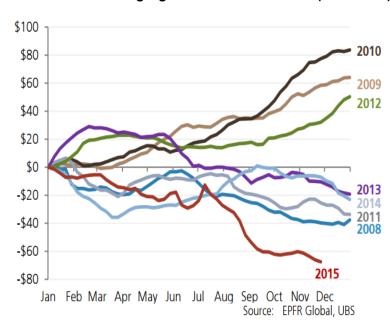
- China's northern and western provinces are the worst off
- Provincial nominal GDP growth in the first half of 2015



### Emerging Markets Fund Flows



#### **Annual Global Emerging Markets Fund Flows (in dollars)**

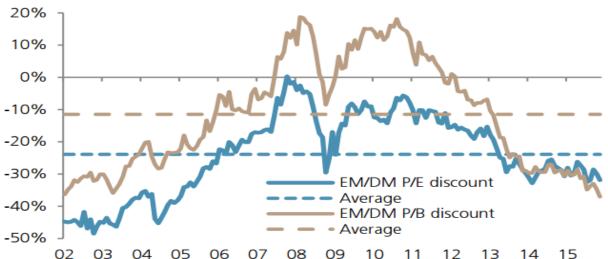


#### Valuation



Emerging Markets are discounted on Price-to-Earning and Price-to-Book Value compared to the Developed Markets





Source: MSCI, IBES, UBS

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### Summary

- Currency Major drag on returns, Emerging Markets foreign exchange at record short levels
- Earning Revisions Persistently negative, need to turn positive to garner interest
- Federal Reserve Rate Hike Not as damaging as one might think
- China Not carrying commodities and global GDP
- Fund flows Can they get any worse?
- Valuations Interesting



### Portfolios



- Two Portfolios
  - **Spinoff portfolio**: \$300 million, inception May 1, 2014
  - Capitol Hill portfolio: \$200 million, inception September 1, 2014
  - Focused Value allocation was defunded
- Two formal pitches in the past year
  - Short Volatility Strategy
  - Emerging Markets with State-Owned Enterprises removed
  - Ideas informally discussed: Sector rotation, ROE improvement, share buyback, water, high value brands

### Spinoff Fund



- Performance Calendar 2015
  - Beat S&P Midcap by 101 bps
- Active share 98 versus S&P Midcap
- 7 acquisitions since inception
  - Furiex, Carefusion, Hospira, Exelis, Kraft, Alent, Baxalta
- Portfolio skewed towards newer "vintage" spinoffs

### Capitol Hill Fund



- Performance Calendar 2015
  - Beat S&P 500 by 154 bps
- Active share 83 versus S&P 500
- Outperformed in 7 out of 10 GICS sectors, indicating the lobbying effect is diffuse and not concentrated in a few sectors

### Summary



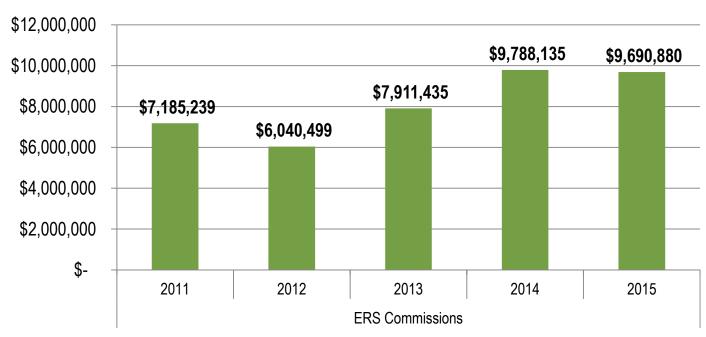
- Successful implementation of the program and two portfolios
- High levels of active share
- Minimal strain on existing resources
- Both portfolios are positive contributors to Global Public Equity versus Global Public Equity Benchmark



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### ERS Total Commissions Paid to Brokers/Dealers

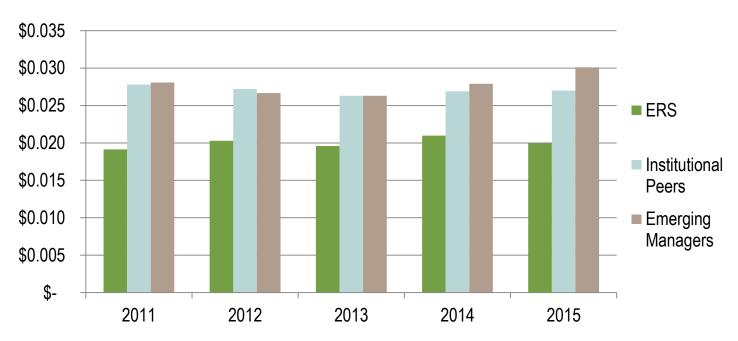
#### Another very active year of trades



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### Commission Rate Per Share Comparison (Domestic)

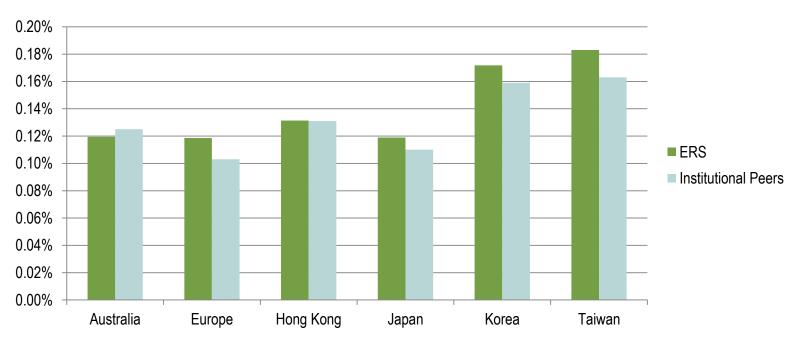
Commissions continue to be lower than peers and external management





#### Commission Rate Comparison in Basis Points (International)

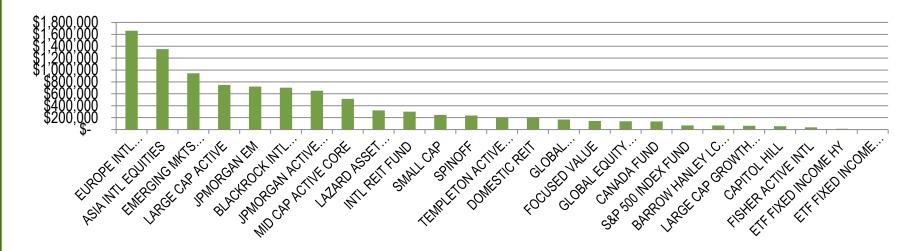
#### ERS continues to be competitive with peers



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### Commissions by Portfolio Paid to Brokers/Dealers

- Commissions for 2015 totaled \$9.6 million
- Total for Internal Portfolios was \$6.9 million (72% of the total Fund)
- Total for External Portfolios was \$2.7 million (28% of the total Fund)





## Goals and Objectives for 2017

### Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2017



- Continue to build out options overlay program
- Improve sector allocation decision making process
- Start search for international small cap managers
- Foster new portfolios and new ideas for the Best Ideas Program
- Enhance the career path for the internal staff by developing sector PM positions



## Questions?